Upper St. Croix Parish Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls

June 28, 2020 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*This bulletin is for a home service as well as a Drive-in Service at Atlas Park.

PRELUDE

Please prepare for service with your silent prayers!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

The passing of the Peace is a time to briefly greet your family members with the peace of Christ. "Peace be with You!"

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive Come, all people: righteous and sinners, rejoice together in the salvation God offers. How long will you forget us, O God?

How long will you hide your face from us? We may forget the Creator, source of our lives, but God does not forget us in our need.

How shall we trust when our lives are shaken? How can we worship when we are afraid? God calls to us to assure and comfort us; the promises of God give us hope.

Will God ease the sorrow of our hearts? Dare we look to God to heal the pain of our souls? Amen.

*OPENING HYMN	Nearer, My God to Thee	UMH 528
		(vs. 1 & 5)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

O Gracious God, consider and answer us. Lighten our eyes lest we become the walking dead, numb and unfeeling. Save us from those who seek our harm, and from our own fears and doubts. Grant us faith that moves beyond adherence to the law. Help us to trust enough to climb mountains when the tops are not visible, when answers to our questions elude us. Let us hear your voice to give us direction. Let us know your purpose, that we may obey. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

***THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 22:1-14

22 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF	PREPARATION	Leave It The	ere	UMH 522
SERMON	"Transforming Gra	ce of God"	Past	or Jenny Lee

(If you could not join our Drive-in Service at Atlas Park, one of your family members may read the written sermon.)

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

O God, we lift up our eyes to see where God provides for us. May God enlighten our hearts and eyes to meet God in daily prayer! We believe that God will provide on mountaintops and in the valleys. As we seek to obey God's will, we are blessed. We will follow Jesus Christ as disciples so God's mercy and grace fill us with hope. We may experience the transforming grace of God in our life. Praise the Lord. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

(If you could not join our Drive-in Service, you may send them to me via email, letter, or by phone call)

PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please prepare an offering. If you could not join our Drive -in Service today, please send it to the church, or bring it to the church the next time you are there.)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

We remember and give thanks, O God, as you provide for all our needs. Your love has kept us from foolish mistakes and selfish ambition. Your bounty enables our giving of self and substance. Lead us now that we may be generous and inspire generosity in others. We would withhold nothing from you; employ us and our gifts for your purposes. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jenny Lee

God bless you, and stay in peace!

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The United Methodist Church

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Announcements (Insert) June 28th, 2020

1. Today is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. May the Holy Spirit be with you!

2. The SPRC decided to have Drive-In Services at Atlas Park for the summer until another decision is made. If the weather is too bad for an outdoor service, we will have an online Zoom video service. We will contact you if there are any changes.

3. Next Sunday July 5th is Communion Sunday. We will use individual packs of communion elements.

4. Central-Grantsburg will hold a special Ad Council Meeting at 6:30pm on July 7th in person. They will discuss possibly reopening the church.

5. We have "Upper Room" (daily Meditation Books) for July-August. If you want a copy, please let us know. You may pick it up at the Atlas Park (Sunday Service), or we will send it to you. If you want PDF copies of it, let us know, we will send it to you.

6. The July Newsletter is ready. You may pick it up at the Sunday Service (Atlas Park) if you want a hard copy.Otherwise, you will receive it through post mail or email. You may also find it on our parish website.

7. All are welcome to join our Drive-in Services. For safety reasons, please stay in your vehicles. We did tune the radio channel for better reception. You may hear the clear sounds through your radio. Please come by 9:50 am in order to have time to park properly and tune your radio. If you want to sit outside of your vehicles during service, you may bring a lawn chair. But, you should wear a facemask, keeping social distance.

The address of our Drive in Service is: Atlas Park, 2108 295th Ave. County Rd. B. Luck, WI 54853

8. No food should be shared. If you need water or some snacks, please bring them yourself.

9. Ushers should wear a mask and gloves. When you greet each other, please wear masks and keep social distancing of 6 ft minimum.

10. If you miss the service, you may find the recorded video clip at our Parish Facebook.

https://www.facebook.com/UpperStCroixParishUMC/

11. This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Don & Colleen Schween 6/28 Taryn Gaffey 6/29 Tiffani Elmgren 6/29 Steve & LeAnn Sylvester 6/29 Abby Alderman 7/1 Scott Olson 7/2 Sharon Huff 7/3 Daniel & Erica Harmon 7/4 John & Jodi Elmgren 7/4 John Elmgren 7/4 Jordan Paulson 7/4 Rachel Harmon Bakker 7/4

